Information Document to accompany Draft 1 of the Gender Action Plan to Support Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (Sendai GAP)

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This document is provided for information only, to give background information to Draft 1 of the Sendai GAP and planned consultations [English only].

Please see the accompanying document "A Gender Action Plan to Support Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (Sendai GAP) – Draft 1" which is the draft for consultation.

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1. Background to the Gender Action Plan

A Gender Action Plan to Support the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (Sendai GAP) is being developed as a technical document based on wide consultations to identify clear priorities and practical actions to increase gender responsive disaster risk reduction by 2030.

A gender action plan was called for in the Agreed Conclusions of the UN Commission on the Status of Women in its 66th session in March 2022 (E/CN.6/2022/L.7), which was echoed in the Co-Chairs' Summary of the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction in May 2022.

A Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework was called for by the UN General Assembly to "assess progress in integrating disaster risk reduction into policies, programmes and investments at all levels, identify good practice, gaps and challenges and accelerate the path to achieving the goal of the Sendai Framework and its seven global targets by 2030" (UNGA Resolution A/RES/75/216). Effort was made to ensure the Midterm Review process was itself gender-responsive, with specific gender guidance

issued for countries to support the voluntary national reviews. Countries and other stakeholders' reports on the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework have pointed to gender equality in disaster risk reduction as lagging behind, hence remaining a high priority cross-cutting issue in its implementation. This is also borne out by an extensive body of research in countries across all regions.

A gender action plan was called for in the main *Report of the Midterm Review* of the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, based on analysis of the many country, regional and thematic reports submitted. Early in 2023 UNDRR, UN Women and UNFPA began to facilitate a process for consultations towards a gender action plan, by requesting focal points from countries via a Note Verbale, and also discussing the process with the Gender Expert Group established in 2021, the Women and Gender Stakeholder Group for the Sendai Framework, and the entities engaged with the United Nations Senior Leadership Group on Disaster Risk Reduction. The ongoing development of the gender action plan was noted in the "Political declaration of the high-level meeting on the midterm review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030" in May 2023 (UN Doc A/RES/77/289) as one of the items for follow up and review.

A UN Joint Study conducted in 2021, Beyond Vulnerability, provided an important impetus for the United Nations approach to achieving gender responsive disaster risk reduction, especially for the UN entities engaged with the UN Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience. A forthcoming UNDRR report on learnings from the country and thematic reports to the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework also provides a more detailed analysis of the good practices and challenges identified in the midterm review and has been used as a resource in the preparation of this plan.

The first round of consultations was held in June 2023 and Draft 1 of the Sendai GAP is based on consolidated inputs from these (online meetings), and all written contributions received by 21 July 2023 (via online forms or by email). These initial consultations were based on an outline for the Sendai GAP. There were separate meetings held across all time zones for:

a. nominated GAP Country Focal Points from the 74 countries participating at that time
b. wider Sendai Framework stakeholders, with support from the key Sendai Framework Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism (SEM), being the Women and Gender Stakeholder Group and the SEM Advisory Group, in turn supported by regional networks of women in DRR;
c. the UN entities engaged with the United Nations Senior Leadership Group on Disaster Risk Reduction; and
d. the Global Gender Expert Consultative Group (now acting as the GAP Gender Expert Group) convened by UNDRR, UNFPA and UN Women since 2021.

Draft 1 is not an exhaustive list of all inputs, but aims to capture key points and suggested actions for a Sendai GAP proposed in the consultation meetings and written contributions. It will be further developed and refined through two more rounds of consultations and written feedback during 2023. The aim is for a short and practical document with actions that are achievable by 2030 and focused at national and local levels, with support from the regional and international levels. Good practice examples identified during the consultations are also being collected as a common resource.

The draft is structured around the outline distributed for the first round of consultations, renumbered to clarify that there is a distinct preamble, followed by the overall goal and key objectives under each

Sendai Framework priority, key actors and a section on implementation. Finally, the tables of actions on each of the four Sendai Framework priorities set out the main content of the plan for implementation.

2. Schedule of Consultations and Dates for Written Contributions for the remainder of 2023

1.1 Overview of consultation and drafting dates

Round 1 consultations were held in June 2023 with written contributions made until 21 July.

Round 2

- Draft 1 to be circulated by 31 August 2023
- Round 2 Consultation meetings from 18-28 September
- Round 2 Written contribution deadline: 06 October 2023

Round 3

- Draft 2 to be circulated by 30 October 2023
- Round 3 Consultation meetings from 07–28 November 2023
- Round 3 Written contribution deadline: 30 November 2023

Final round 4 (written round only)

- Draft 3 to be circulated for written comments only December 2023 [date TBC]
- Final Round 4 Written contribution deadline: January 2024 [date TBC]

1.2 Round 2 Consultation Dates 18-28 September 2023

Consultation Group	Date/time
Country Focal Points (by invitation to focal points nominated by countries)	
Zone 1 – Meeting A **Africa and Arab States**	Mon 18 September 2023, 11am–1pm Geneva (GMT+2)
Zone 1 – Meeting B Central Asia and Europe	Wed 20 September 2023, 11am–1pm Geneva (GMT+2)
Zone 2: Asia and the Pacific	Tues 19 September 2023, 10am-12noon Bangkok (GMT+7)
Zone 3: Americas and Caribbean	Thurs 21 September 2023, 12 noon–2pm New York (GMT-4)
SEM Women and Gender Stakeholder Group / other Stakeholders (open, but registration required)	
Zone 1 – Meeting A **Africa and Arab States**	Mon 25 September 2023, 11am–1pm Geneva (GMT+2)
Zone 1 – Meeting B **Central Asia and Europe**	Tues 26 September 2023, 11am–1pm Geneva (GMT+2)
Zone 2: Asia and the Pacific	Wed 27 September 2023, 10am-12noon Bangkok (GMT+7)
Zone 3: Americas and Caribbean	Thurs 28 September 2023, 12 noon–2pm New York (GMT-4)

UN DRR Interagency Focal Points Group	
Global	26 September 2023, 2-3:30 pm Geneva Time
SEM Stakeholder Advisory Group	
Global	To join regional stakeholder meetings, September 2023
GAP Expert Group	
Global	To meet as needed, September 2023

1.3 Round 3 Consultation Dates: 07-24 November

Consultation Group	Date/time
Country Focal Points (by invitation to focal points nominated by countries)	
Zone 1: Meeting A, Africa and Arab States	Tues 14 November 2023, 11am–1pm Geneva (GMT+2)
Zone 1: Meeting B, Central Asia and Europe	Wed 15 November 2023, 11am–1pm Geneva (GMT+2)
Zone 2: Asia and the Pacific *	Tues 07 November 2023, 10am-12noon Bangkok (GMT+7)
Zone 3: Americas and Caribbean	Thurs 16 November 2023, 12 noon–2pm New York (GMT-4)
SEM Women and Gender Stakeholder Group / other Stakeholders (open, but registration required)	
Zone 1: Meeting A, Africa and Arab States	Tues 21 November 2023, 11am–1pm Geneva (GMT+2)
Zone 1 – Meeting B Central Asia and Europe	Wed 22 November 2023, 11am–1pm Geneva (GMT+2)
Zone 2: Asia and the Pacific[1]	Thurs 09 November 2023, 10am-12 noon Bangkok (GMT+7)
Zone 3: Americas and Caribbean	Thurs 23 November 2023, 12 noon–2pm New York (GMT-4)
UN DRR Interagency Focal Points Group	
Global	TBC Thurs 23 November 2023, 2–3:30 pm (Geneva GMT+2)
SEM Stakeholder Advisory Group	
Global	To join regional stakeholder meetings, November 2023
GAP Expert Group	
Global	To meet as needed, November 2023

[1] Note: the Asia-Pacific meeting dates are one week earlier than others to avoid a clash with Pacific Climate Week

3. Record of Round 1 consultations held, and written contributions received June-July 2023

3.1 Consultation meetings held in June 2023

Consultation Group	Date/time
Country Focal Points (closed list, nominated by countries)	
Zone 1: Meeting A Africa and Arab States	Tues 20 June 2023, 11am–1pm Geneva (GMT+2)
Zone 1: Meeting B Central Asia and Europe	Wed 07 June 2023, 11am–1pm Geneva (GMT+2)
Zone 2: Asia and the Pacific	Thurs 08 June 2023, 10am-12noon Bangkok (GMT+7)
Zone 3: Americas and Caribbean	Fri 09 June 2023, 12 noon–2pm New York (GMT-4)
SEM Women and Gender Stakeholder Group / SEM Stakeholder Advisory Group / other Stakeholders (open, but registration required)	
Zone 1: Africa, Arab States, Central Asia and Europe	Mon 12 June 2023, 11am–1pm Geneva (GMT+2)
Zone 2: Asia and the Pacific	Tues 13 June 2023, 10am-12noon Bangkok (GMT+7)
Zone 3: Americas and Caribbean	Mon 19 June 2023, 12 noon–2pm New York (GMT-4)
UN DRR Interagency Focal Points Group	
Global	27 June 2023, 2–3:30 pm (Geneva GMT+2)
GAP Expert Group	
Global x 2, Americas x 1	Mon 05 June 2023, 9-11am (Geneva GMT+2) Wed 02 Aug, 5-6pm (Geneva GMT+2) , Thurs 10 August, 6-7pm (Panama City GMT-5)

3.2 Written contributions received by 21 July 2023

Country Focal Point Written Contributions:
Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Colombia, Ethiopia, Gabon , Guinea (Republic of), Guatemala, Iraq, Israel, Mauritius, México, Morocco, Romania, Seychelles

Stakeholder Written Contributions:	
Organisation/Person	Country
Academia	
Dr Billy Tusker Haworth	Australia
María Lorena Alpízar Marín, Universidad de Costa Rica	Costa Rica
Tazrina Chowdhury, University of Technology Sydney	Australia
Civil Society Organization	
Duryog Nivaran	South Asia
Norwegian Refugee Council	Switzerland
Platform of Humanitarian Women in Risk and Disaster Reduction in Chad	Chad

CBM	Australia
LAC Women in DRR (+ promoting agencies GNDR, UNDRR, UN Women)	LAC Region
Water for Women Fund	Australia
Gertrude Kenyangi	Uganda
Diana Carolina Caicedo Enriquez	Colombia
Jane Anyango Ododngo	Kenya
Shifting the Power Coalition	Pacific Region
Government (other than country focal points)	
Disaster Management Centre, Government	Sri Lanka
Private Sector	
Leisa Perch, SAEDI Consulting	Barbados
Not specified	
Jane Anyango Agar	Kenya
Malashree Bhargava, DRR	Global
United Nations	
FAO	Italy
UN Women	Regional Office, Asia and Pacific
UNDP	Switzerland
UNICEF	USA
WFP	
WHO	